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#### RELATED PRACTICES

Foundational Estate Planning  
Philanthropist Representation  
Nonprofit Organizations



#### BIO

Michael J. Offenheiser was admitted to the California bar in 2005 and has practiced as an estate planning attorney since that time. He earned his Bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and his Juris Doctorate degree (cum laude) from the Ave Maria School of Law. Michael is board certified in estate planning law by the California Bar Association. He is a Blackstone Fellow and recipient of a Distinguished Scholar Award from the State of Maryland. In law school, Michael served on the Executive Board of the Ave Maria Law Review. In 2019, Michael was recognized as Attorney of the Year by St. Thomas More Society of Orange County during the 31st Annual Red Mass.

An accomplished estate planning attorney, Michael has worked at well-known law firms in both central and southern California and has taught estate planning as an Adjunct Professor of Law. In his practice, Michael works closely with individuals and families to create estate plans that reflect their unique goals and desires. This may involve the preparation of wills, living trusts, irrevocable trusts, powers of attorney, advance health care directives, special needs trusts, or the implementation of other estate planning techniques.

Michael once served as a member of the Board of Directors and as a member of the Planned Giving Committee for the Orange Catholic Foundation. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Thomas More Society of Orange County and leads an initiative of the St. Thomas More Society called the Charles Institute.

In 2014 and 2015 Michael was selected for inclusion on the Southern California Super Lawyers "Southern California Rising Stars" lists by the publishers of Los Angeles magazine and Law & Politics magazine.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Brown & Streza LLP, Irvine, California  
Partner, 2018-Present  
Attorney, 2013-2018

Copenbarger & Copenbarger, LLP, Irvine, California: Attorney, 2012-2013

Law Office of Michael J. Offenheiser, Orange County, California: Solo Practitioner, 2011-2012

Bolen Fransen, LLP, Fresno, California: Attorney, 2008-2010

Fresno City College, Fresno, California: Adjunct Professor, 2010

Dowling, Aaron, & Keeler, P.C., Fresno, California: Attorney, 2006-2008

Juris Doctor, Ave Maria School of Law, 2005 (Cum Laude)

Bachelor of Arts, The Catholic University of America, 1999 (Magna Cum Laude)

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

### **2019 Attorney of the Year, St. Thomas More Society of Orange County**

Recognized at 31st Annual Red Mass, an event that honors those in legal professions

### **Board Certified in Estate Planning Law, 7/1/2015**

Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law (California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization)

### **2014 - 2015 "Southern California SuperLawyers - Rising Star"**

Published by *Los Angeles* magazine and *The Journal for Law & Politics*. Only 2.5% of lawyers under the age of 40 and/or in their first 10 years of practice in Los Angeles and Orange Counties receive this honor.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Leimberg Information Services, Inc., May 2020**

Co-author, "Executing Estate Planning Documents During the Pandemic and the Slow Return to the "New Normal"

Signing During Coronavirus - California

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

### **Orange Catholic Foundation, Costa Mesa, California, May 19, 2016**

Wills and Trusts Presentation

### **Orange Catholic Foundation, La Habra, California, May 18, 2016**

Wills and Trusts Presentation

### **Orange Catholic Foundation, Garden Grove, California, April 29, 2016**

Wills and Trusts Presentation

### **NAIFA Brown Bag Webinar, Irvine, California, April 21, 2016**

Basic Living Trust

### **St. Bonaventure School, Huntington Beach, California, 2015**

Estate Planning Presentation

**Our Lady of Fatima**, San Clemente, California, 2015  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. John Neumann**, Irvine, California, 2015  
Estate Planning Presentation

**Estate Planning Workshop Series 2014**, Irvine, California, September 30, 2014  
Advanced Healthcare Directives and More

**Goodwill of OC**, Santa Ana, California, September 4, 2014  
Special Needs Trust Presentation

**University of California**, Irvine, 2013  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Pius V Church**, Buena Park, California, 2013  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Angela Merici Church**, Brea, California, 2013  
Estate Planning Presentation

**Christ Cathedral**, Garden Grove, California, 2012  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Norbert Church**, Orange, California, 2012, 2014  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church**, Dana Point, California, 2012  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Joseph Church**, Placentia, California, 2012  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Timothy Church**, Laguna Niguel, California, 2011  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Martin De Porres Church**, Yorba Linda, California, 2011  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. Vincent De Paul Church**, Huntington Beach, California, 2011  
Estate Planning Presentation

**St. John Neumann Church**, Irvine, California, 2012  
Estate Planning Presentation  
Stewardship Presentation

**Goodwill Industries of Orange County**, California, 2011  
Special Needs Trust Educational Seminar

**The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding**, California, 2011  
Special Needs Trust Educational Seminar

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Board of Directors, St. Thomas More Society of Orange County:** Member

**Orange County Estate Planning Council:** Past Member

**Financial Planning Association:** Past Member

**Board of Directors, Orange Catholic Foundation:** Past Member

**Planned Giving Committee, Orange Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Orange:** Past Member